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Weekly Update



The Update Message from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers representing Flight Attendants in the 2339 Local Lodges

Friday, January 9, 2009

National Group Protection Insurance will be offered at the Cleveland base in the Continental & ExpressJet crew rooms beginning January 13 - 16, 2009. Underwritten by American Bankers Life Assurance Company, you can elect to have accident; cancer; critical illness; or universal life insurance coverage for yourself and/or your family members. There will be representatives in the crew rooms to explain the coverage being offered for IAM members. District Lodge 142 will notify our members when National Group Protection representatives will be coming to your base for enrollment. Flight Attendants from all bases transiting through Cleveland during this time are welcome to enroll.



WWW Center Welcomes New Instructor – The William W. Winpisinger Education & Technology Center in Southern Maryland is fortunate to have some of the most experienced and uniquely qualified instructors in the North American labor movement. The tradition continues with the recent addition of long-time IAM activist Julie Frietchen to the teaching staff at the Winpisinger Center. A Continental Flight Attendant and IAM member since 1992, Frietchen has served fellow members in numerous capacities, including President and Vice President of Local 2339C, Cleveland Base Chairperson and District 142 Organizer. Since 2000, Frietchen has been negotiating contracts and servicing members as a District 142 General Chairperson while completing a Bachelor of Arts in Labor Studies at the National Labor College. “The IAM members who come to the Winpisinger Center will immediately recognize in Julie someone who has ‘been there and done that,’ during some of the most turbulent times in her industry’s history,” said IP Tom Buffenbarger. “It’s an honor to welcome her to the Winpisinger Center, where her background and communication skills will add immeasurably to the school’s tradition of excellence.”



Reminders, ExpressJet Flight Attendant Holiday Pay – “A flight attendant who works on Christmas Day or New Years Day shall receive \$5.00 per hour add pay for each hour (pro-rated for partial hours) she/he is away from domicile or performing airport alert duties occurring on that day. For purposes of this paragraph, the date will be determined using local time at the departure station.” If you worked on the holidays, please verify your pay registers to insure you are being paid correctly. Also, all reserves are “Ready Reserve” (24 hr reserve) until January 4th. Please plan accordingly. This information can be found on page 26, Section 4.Q., and page 52, Section 5.T.4d of your contract.

The Union has been contacted by Continental in regards to preventing FAR violations by flight attendants departing the aircraft before all passengers have exited, thereby leaving the aircraft without the appropriate *minimum crew complement* onboard. The company reports that there has been an increase of these particular incidents. The principal reason flight attendants are deplaning early is to catch a commuter flight home. This is a violation of the FAA mandate that requires the specific minimum number of crewmembers for that aircraft type be on board until every customer deplanes. All flight attendants designated as working crew members, whether it is a designated minimum crew member position or not, are required to remain on board as well. Due to non-compliance in this area by our flight attendants, the FAA has notified the Company that this is a focus area for audits to ensure compliance. **The union encourages all flight attendants to remain onboard the aircraft until all of the passengers are off the plane.** This will not only ensure a safe environment for crew and passengers, but will also help avoid FAA fines against the company and potentially against flight attendants.

Crewmember Self-Defense Training

Newark Area

Essex County College Police Academy
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Class dates:

2009

January 15, 22, 29

February 5, 12, 24, 26

Houston Area

Lone Star College - North Harris
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Class dates:

2009

January 15

February 3, 18

March 10, 19

We would like to encourage all members to attend your Local Lodge business meeting. Each Local Lodge must have a quorum to conduct business. The following is a schedule for upcoming meetings:

Newark: Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Houston: Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd

Guam: Wednesday, January 21, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room

Cleveland: Thursday, February 12, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive